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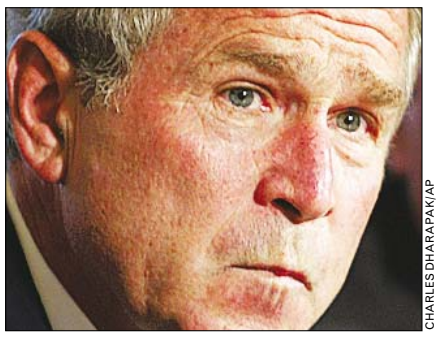

CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Bush addresses reporters Wednesday.

Bin Laden Indicted

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BRING IT ON: From left, Amanda Villamor, Nacarol Smith and Moriah Devito are buffeted by winds and blowing sand Wednesday in Virginia Beach, Va., as Hurricane Isabel continues toward landfall. After dominating headlines for days, the Category 2 hurricane is expected to hit the D.C. area today.

D.C. Braces for Isabel's Fury

Federal, local governments closed; Metro to stop at 11 a.m.

WASHINGTON | With Hurricane Isabel looming just off the coast of North Carolina, thousands were fleeing coastal areas and the nation's capital prepared for the worst.

The federal government announced it would be closed Thursday, the District of Columbia government closed its offices and the Washington area's public transit system announced it would close early in preparation for Hurricane Isabel.

The decision to give 350,000 federal workers the day off was made in "an abundance of caution," an Office of Personnel Management spokesman said. Federal workers were urged to follow the news Thursday for an announcement on Friday's status.

Metro officials announced that the entire transit system would close at 11 a.m. Thursday because of the danger posed by winds exceeding 40 mph.

"We will complete trips on rail and bus to get everyone where they need to be by 1 or 2 p.m.," said Metro CEO Richard White.

The strength of the storm has emergency officials on alert.

"We know we're going to see significant wind and rains," said Peter LaPorte, director of the D.C. Emergency Management Agency.

Many public safety agencies in the region announced they would delay responses to non-life-threatening emergencies when winds topped 50 mph.

"A 50 mph wind can push an ambulance right off the street, a 65 mph can do the same to a full-sized fire truck," said a spokesman for D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Avoiding Isabel: Coastal residents get out of harm's way, page 3 | More on D.C.-area closures, page 7

Par-tay! Raise a glass (thanks to numerous wine events) to the *Women's World Cup*, the *Georgetown Indy Film Fest*, *Tom Ridge*'s very own sci-fi series and *Paul McCartney*'s trip to Russia. Huzzah! WEEKEND PASS | 11-16

EyeOpeners

SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/AP

TRANSPORTATION

Hello, Cabbie

It might be the perrrfect cab to some: A pink and baby blue sedan with two Hello Kitty characters painted on the side, a Hello Kitty blanket inside and Hello Kitty music piped in through the sound system. A Japanese company has been operating 10 of the Hello Kitty cabs in Tokyo since April after deciding they needed a special service targeting children. The cars are driven by only women cabbies, in part to satisfy Sanrio, Hello Kitty's owner. (AP)

CRIME

Naked Aggression

A woman in Huntington, W.Va., wasn't about to let a robber get away with snatching her purse — even if he was naked. The man allegedly snatched the woman's purse at 2:14 a.m. Sunday, retreating around a corner afterward, The Herald-Dispatch newspaper reported. The woman followed and confronted the man as he was getting dressed. She grabbed the purse and ran into a nearby bar. No arrests have been made, the paper reported. (EXPRESS)

ANIMAL WATCH

Dash-Hounds

In this race, everyone was a wiener. About 130 dachshunds participated in the annual Running of the Wieners in Grand Island, Neb., on Sunday. The dogs, which are known for the ballpark snack they resemble, competed in three divisions: Little smokies for those under 1-year-old, Frankfurters for the 1- to 5-year-olds and Senior Sausage for the older dogs. (AP)

MONEY

Unhappy Returns

Authorities in Oroville, Calif., revealed Monday that a man who allegedly robbed a bank was caught returning to deposit some of the money into his own account later the same day. Jesse Youngblood, 36, had five prior serious felonies under his belt, including a past bank robbery, the Chico Enterprise Record reported. He was sentenced to at least 33 years in prison. (EXPRESS)

ART

Sticky Sculptures

Students at the Cleveland Institute of Art in Ohio are sculpting life-size animals out of a non-traditional, yet useful, medium: duct tape. The Henkel adhesives company, based in Northeast Ohio, enlisted students from the institute to create the sculptures to promote a line of colored duct tapes. The animals will go on display at the Columbus Zoo later this month. (AP)

MIKE LEVY/THE PLAIN DEALER/AP

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area All forecasts provided by **AccuWeather.com ©2003**

Today	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
Hi **70**	Hi **74**	Hi **82**	Hi **80**	Hi **80**
Lo **64**	Lo **62**	Lo **62**	Lo **60**	Lo **64**

UV Index (for solar noon)
3 out of 10, low

Air Quality Index (AQI)
AQI Today: Not available

Pollen Index (Yesterday)
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WASHINGTON

House Passes Tax Cuts Aimed at Spurring Donations

The House on Wednesday passed more than $12 billion in tax cuts to encourage charitable giving, while some Democrats said the bill's generosity will cost future generations billions in extra debt. The bill, passed 408-13, is the legislative offspring of President Bush's effort to give religious organizations federal money and encourage them to take a bigger role in providing social services. (AP)

SEATTLE

Voters Nix Espresso Tax

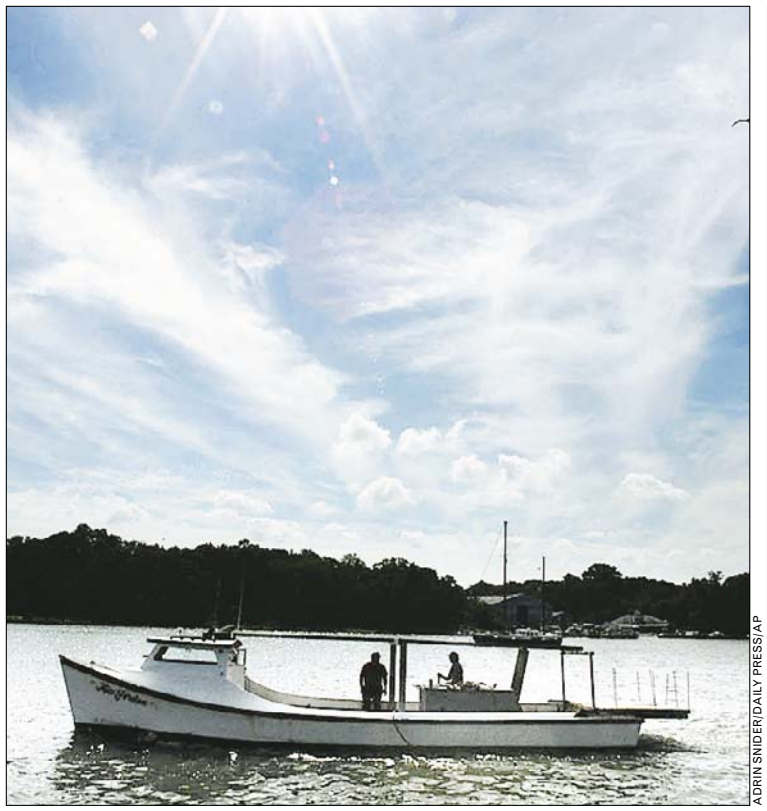
The tax seemed perfectly brewed for a city addicted to latte and liberalism — at least to those who managed to get it on the ballot. Voters here were asked to tax espresso drinks for the sake of children. Ten cents more per cup for expanded preschool programs, tax supporters had reasoned, would be noble and barely noticeable. However, voters resoundingly rejected the tax, 68 to 32 percent. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Unions Plan Walkout by Amtrak Railway Workers

Unions representing Amtrak workers said Wednesday they will shut down the railroad for one day next month to draw attention to what they consider chronic underfunding by the government. Labor leaders want Amtrak employees to stay home Oct. 3.

Amtrak officials said they would seek a court injunction to prevent a work stoppage that they said would be illegal. (AP)



ADRIN SNIDER/DAILY PRESS/AP

Boat owners looking to weather Isabel's winds prepared their crafts on Wednesday. Russell and Bobby Kellum worked to anchor their boat near Newport News, Va.

States Readying as Isabel Arrives

NAGS HEAD, N.C. | Hurricane Isabel closed in on North Carolina's Outer Banks on Wednesday with 105 mph winds and the potential for up to a foot of rain, threatening to cause ruinous flooding across a huge swath of the already soggy East.

Isabel had weakened to a Category 2 hurricane from a Category 5, 160-mph monster, but was still expected to be dangerous when it hit the barrier islands Thursday morning with a storm surge of up to 11 feet.

More than 230,000 people in North Carolina and Virginia were urged to move to higher ground, leaving the vulnerable Outer Banks mostly evacuated. Evacuation orders were also posted for low-lying inland areas and islands of the Chesapeake Bay, which could get a 7-foot surge. EMERY P. DALESIO (AP)

BATTENING THE HATCHES

States along the East Coast prepare to face Isabel's wrath:

- **North Carolina:** More than 140,000 people told to evacuate.
- **Virginia:** At least 86,500 people in southeastern Va. told to leave their homes.
- **West Virginia:** Officials prepared for up to 12 inches of rain.
- **Delaware:** Governor ordered evacuation of low-lying areas and closing of public schools.

Thar she blows: States along the eastern seaboard are bracing for Isabel to run up the coast today. The latest maps and forecasts are available at washingtonpost.com.

Recall Supporters Push for Election

SAN FRANCISCO | California's pro-recall forces urged a federal appeals court Wednesday to reverse course and allow the election to go forward as originally planned on Oct. 7.

A three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based appeals court agreed with arguments made by the American Civil Liberties Union in ruling Monday that the election must be postponed to avoid using error-prone punch-card ballot machines in six counties. (AP)

Bush: No Proof of Saddam Role in 9/11

WASHINGTON | President Bush said Wednesday there was no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — disputing an idea held by many Americans.

"There's no question that Saddam Hussein had al Qaeda ties," the president said. But he also said, "We have no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved with the Sept. 11" attacks.

The president's comment was in line with a statement Tuesday by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who said he not seen any evidence that Saddam was involved in the attacks.

Yet, a new poll found that nearly 70 percent of respondents believed the Iraqi leader probably was personally involved.

The administration has argued that Saddam's government had close links to al Qaeda, the terrorist network led by Osama bin Laden that masterminded the Sept. 11 attacks. TERENCE HUNT (AP)

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President Bush comments on Saddam's role in 9/11 during a meeting with congressional leaders Wednesday.

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Clark Joins 2004 Presidential Race

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. | Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark entered a crowded and wide-open race for the Democratic presidential nomination on Wednesday.

"We're going to run a campaign that will move this country forward not back," Clark said, promising to "talk straight to the American people."

Clark, 58, became the 10th Democrat in the race, joining a contest that has been under way for months.

He entered with no experience in elective office and no history on domestic policy, but offered one thing Democrats crave: New hope of undercutting President Bush's wartime popularity.

Clark immediately took aim at President Bush, saying his economic policies "have cost us more jobs than our economy has had the energy to create."

Nearly 3 million U.S. jobs have been lost since Bush took office in January 2001. RON FOURNIER (AP)

Late bloomer: Wesley Clark's a candidate, but what kind of field does he face? The latest on the race for the Democratic nomination. | washingtonpost.com/politics

DAVID QUINN/AP

After much public speculation, retired Gen. Wesley Clark joined the presidential race with a speech in Little Rock on Wednesday. He greeted supporters during a rally.

Ashcroft to Declassify Library Data

Justice Dept. will reveal frequency of FBI record requests

WASHINGTON | The federal government will disclose how many times the FBI has sought records from libraries and businesses under the USA Patriot Act, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Wednesday.

Ashcroft told the president of the American Library Association, Carla Hayden, in a telephone call that he was removing the veil of secrecy on one of the most contentious provisions of the anti-terrorism law, passed following the Sept 11 attacks.

Justice Department officials did not release the numbers but said they could be made available soon.

Ashcroft's phone call comes after he delivered two speeches this week criticizing as "baseless hysteria" the contention by some librarians and civil liberties groups that the FBI could use Section 215 of the Patriot Act to snoop into Americans' reading habits. CURT ANDERSON (AP)

Hispanic Population Still Surging

Largest growth seen in South, West, Census Bureau says

WASHINGTON |The nation's Hispanic population is keeping up its explosive growth of the 1990s, led by states in the South and West, the first detailed Census Bureau estimates since the 2000 national head count show.

Analysts cited higher birth rates for Hispanics and a continued influx of new immigrants looking for jobs — even during a period when the U.S. economy slowed — as key reasons for the increase.

California still has the largest number of Hispanics with 11.9 million, about one-third of its total population, followed by Texas, New York, Florida and Illinois.

Los Angeles County had the largest population of Hispanics among counties (4.5 million), and Webb County, Texas, on the U.S.-Mexico border, which includes Laredo, was the county where Hispanics comprised the highest proportion of the population (95 percent).

Hispanics are the nation's largest minority group. The Census Bureau released a report in June that found the Latino population stood at 38.8 million, an increase of almost 9 percent in the two years ending July 2002. That was four times the growth rate for the U.S. population overall and about 14 times greater than the rate for non-Hispanic whites. GENARO C. ARMAS (AP)

GROWING MINORITY

The Census Bureau said the largest growth in the Hispanic population between 2000 and 2002 occurred in the following areas:

- **Georgia:** 16.8 percent growth
- **D.C.:** 16.0 percent
- **North Carolina:** 15.7 percent
- **Nevada:** 15.0 percent
- **Kentucky:** 13.9 percent
- **South Carolina:** 13.6 percent
- **Virginia:** 13.2 percent
- **Alabama:** 12.7 percent

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"If we can renew the urban school districts a lot of that can affect the overall education system."

—MICROSOFT CHAIRMAN BILL GATES ON HIS $51 MILLION DONATION TO NEW YORK CITY TO CREATE 67 SCHOOLS IN POOR AREAS.

McDonald's Wants You to 'Go Active'

CHICAGO | McDonald's Corp. is testing a Happy Meal for adults.

Instead of the burger and a toy that are standard fare in kids' Happy Meals, the Go Active meal being test marketed in Indiana will include a salad, an exercise booklet and a pedometer to encourage people to walk more to maintain good health.

The test program will be at more than 150 McDonald's in Indianapolis, Bloomington, Muncie, Lafayette and Kokomo this fall. (AP)

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Spanish Court Indicts Bin Laden for Sept. 11

Action is first time al Qaeda chief legally blamed for attacks

MADRID, SPAIN | Spain's leading investigating judge issued the first known indictment against Osama bin Laden in the Sept. 11 attacks on Wednesday, accusing al Qaeda of using the country as a base to plot the devastating strikes on New York and Washington.

Investigative magistrate Baltasar Garzon indicted 35 people for terrorist activities connected to bin Laden's al Qaeda network. The indictment charged bin Laden and nine others with membership in a terrorist organization and "as many crimes of terrorist murder ... as there were dead and injured" in the deadly Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

MARIA JESUS PRADES (AP)

U.S. COURTS AND 9/11

→ **The only person** charged in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States is Zacarias Moussaoui, a French citizen who admits allegiance to al Qaeda but denies being part of the hijacking plot. His trial is on hold while the courts determine whether he should have access to captured al Qaeda operatives he says will support his innocence.

WHO KNEW? The ozone hole over the Antarctic this year has returned to the record size of 10.8 million square miles it set three years ago, the United Nations' weather organization said Wednesday.

BBC Writer Admits Errors

Author of disputed report on Iraq dossier says story was flawed

LONDON | A BBC reporter acknowledged Wednesday that he made several errors in a report that accused the government of British Prime Minister Tony Blair of "sexing up" an intelligence dossier on Iraq.

Andrew Gilligan apologized to a judicial inquiry for indirectly identifying his source, biological weapons expert David Kelly, to a member of Parliament. Kelly apparently killed himself shortly after being publicly identified.

Gilligan also said he was wrong to attribute particular phrases in the report to his then-unidentified single source. In his May 29 broadcast, Gilligan said that one of the officials in charge of drawing up the dossier on Iraqi weapons alleged that Blair's office inserted a claim that Iraq could deploy chemical or biological weapons within 45 minutes' notice, when it knew the information was wrong.

IAN WALDIE/AFP/GETTY

Andrew Gilligan arrives at the high court in London Wednesday.

Gilligan, speaking to the inquiry into Kelly's death, said Wednesday that he had made a slip of the tongue during a live broadcast when he said, referring to the 45-minute claim, that the government "probably knew it was wrong."

Kelly had suggested that some people in the intelligence services did not want the claim included but had never actually made it clear that the government was informed of their disagreement, Gilligan said.

"I regret ... that I didn't report entirely carefully and accurately what he said," Gilligan said. "My error was to ascribe that statement to him when it was actually a conclusion of mine."

The dossier was a key element in winning public support for the war in Iraq, and it set off an intense fight between the BBC and Blair's government, which vehemently denied overruling intelligence advice.

JANE WARDELL (AP)

BBC scrutinized: Although Gilligan said he stood by the gist of his report, his admissions are a serious embarrassment for the BBC. Today's Post: Section A

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World

Blix: Iraqi WMD Likely Destroyed

Former U.N. inspector says Saddam may have sought to mislead

WASHINGTON | Former U.N. chief weapons inspector Hans Blix believes Iraq destroyed most of its weapons of mass destruction 10 years ago, but kept up the appearance that it had them to deter a military attack.

In an interview with an Australian radio station broadcast Wednesday, Blix said it was unlikely the U.S and British teams now searching for weapons in Iraq would find more than some "documents of interest."

"I'm certainly more and more [drawn] to the conclusion that Iraq has, as they maintained, destroyed all, almost, of what they had in the summer of 1991," Blix said. "The more time that has passed, the more I think it's unlikely that anything will be found."

Blix, who spent three years searching for Iraqi chemical, biological and ballistic missiles, said Iraq might have tried to fool the United States into believing it had weapons of mass destruction over the years in order to deter attack.

"You can put up a sign on your door, 'Beware of the Dog,' without having a dog," he said from his home in Sweden. (AP)

RAMZI HAIDAR/AFP/GETTY

The new Shrine Police undergo training Wednesday in the holy city of Najaf. A special branch of the police department, the Shrine Police are being trained by the U.S. Army and are dedicated to protecting the holy sites and clerics within Najaf.

Security apparatus: A planned paramilitary force under Iraq's interior minister would give five opposition leaders an unrivaled role in internal security. Today's Post: Section A

Blair Hints Euro Vote Still Alive

Says he could still call referendum before next national election

LONDON | British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday that he could call a referendum on joining the European single currency before Britain's next national election.

Blair, answering questions in the House of Commons, rejected Conservative Party leader Iain Duncan Smith's call to rule out a referendum before the election, which must be held by mid-2006.

Blair's government has said it favors joining the euro when economic conditions are right, but opinion polls show strong majorities opposed to the euro.

"Why doesn't the prime minister admit what everybody else knows, that his dreams, his schemes and his hopes to scrap the pound are utterly wrecked?" Duncan Smith charged.

"I see absolutely no reason for this country to say it will foreclose its options, and rule out membership of a single currency," Blair said. "We should ... keep the option open." (AP)

Arafat Confirms Offer of New Truce

Overture made on TV after Hamas says it may halt attacks

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK | Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat offered a new truce to Israel on Wednesday, after Palestinian officials said the militant group Hamas signaled it might agree to stop attacking Israelis.

Interviewed on Israel TV, Arafat was asked if there was a possibility for a cease-fire. "Of course," he said. "You're invited. The announcement was made yesterday," referring to remarks by his security adviser.

Israeli leaders had no immediate comment, but the government has said it wants the Palestinians to begin disarming militant groups before it considers a truce.

Distrust on both sides remains deep after the failure of a unilateral truce declared by militants in June, which largely held until a Hamas suicide bombing killed 23 people in Jerusalem last month.

Tensions heightened after an Israeli government decision last week to "remove" Arafat, whom it accuses of fomenting terrorism. The United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution Tuesday that sought to shield Arafat from Israeli action. (AP)

ARABS APPEAL TO U.N.

Arab countries asked the U.N. General Assembly on Wednesday to adopt a resolution calling on Israel to halt threats to expel Arafat after the U.S. vetoed the resolution in the Security Council. After a closed-door meeting, Arab nations agreed to request an emergency special session of the General Assembly. Syria, the only Arab nation on the Security Council, had pressed for a resolution after Israel decided last week to "remove" Arafat in a manner and time to be decided.

SUMMER | LAST TASTE

MICHAEL URBAN/AFP/GETTY

DELIGHT: A dog in Potsdam, Germany, enjoys his last ice cream before autumn's arrival.

Media Unfair to Saudi Arabia, Crown Prince Says

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | Saudi Arabia has made mistakes, but the media have been running a smear campaign that aims to wreck it, Crown Prince Abdullah has said.

Speaking to school teachers at the beginning of the school year Tuesday, Abdullah said that dishonest journalists have been publishing stories that sow "confusion and disorder in this country," the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

"I don't deny there are mistakes. There are mistakes, and we have been trying to mend them during the past seven years," he said. He did not elaborate.

Abdullah, the de facto ruler of the kingdom, has overseen the day-to-day affairs of the kingdom since his ailing brother, King Fahd, suffered a stroke in 1995.

Saudi Arabia has come under a lot of criticism in the United States since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Fifteen of the 19 hijackers involved were Saudis. Some critics have accused Saudi schools and mosques of promoting ideas that lead to extremist acts. (AP)

In Brief

FRANCE

Trial Begins in Paris for Alleged High-Class Madam

A British woman suspected of running a high-class prostitution ring went on trial in Paris on Wednesday. Margaret MacDonald, 43, who was arrested in May 2002, faces up to 10 years in prison. Described as a well-educated, highly cultivated woman who speaks eight languages, MacDonald is alleged to have operated in several European countries, Israel and the United States. (AP)

GUINEA-BISSAU

Deposed President Yala Formally Cedes Control

Guinea-Bissau's elected leader ceded power Wednesday, three days after a military junta grabbed control in a bloodless coup. President Kumba Yala had become deeply unpopular, presiding over a government so poor it cannot pay its own civil servants. Gen. Verissimo Correia Seabra, who led the coup and has declared himself president, said Wednesday that he would oversee the new government until elections are held. (AP)

Seabra

GERMANY

Court Paves Way for Release of Kohl's Stasi Files

A court ruled Wednesday that the East German secret police files on former Chancellor Helmut Kohl could be released, overturning an earlier decision. Journalists and historians had asked to see Kohl's 2,500-page Stasi file, prompting speculation that the documents could shed light on a party financing scandal that disgraced Kohl and has tainted his conservative party since his 1998 election defeat. (AP)

IRAN

Leading Dissident Cleric Chides Hard-Line Leaders

In his first public speech in six years, Iran's leading dissident cleric criticized the country's hard-line Islamic leaders Wednesday, saying they should submit to elections and allow the country's young people to choose their future. Grand Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri addressed his followers after five years of house arrest. (AP)

Region

STEPHEN J. BOITANO/AP

D.C. Dept. of Public Works employees William Jordan, left, and Michael Collins fill bags of sand Wednesday in Washington to prepare for Hurricane Isabel.

No Calm Before Hurricane Isabel

WASHINGTON | The District of Columbia government declared a state of emergency, schools announced closings and public transit passengers were urged to make alternate plans Wednesday in preparation for Hurricane Isabel.

Metro said that it will close at 11 a.m. Thursday. The Federal and D.C. governments will not be open either, as the region prepares for the worst. Amtrak and Virginia Railroad Express cancelled all service south of Washington .

In addition to downed power lines and tree limbs, officials have warned of flooding.

Pepco warned that crews were unlikely to begin working on damage from the hurricane until the worst of the weather moved through. The company supplies power to about 702,000 customers the district and Maryland.

Classes were canceled through the end of the week at public schools in the district, Montgomery and Prince George's counties. Fairfax County (Va.) cancelled Thursday's sessions, but had not decided about Friday yet.

In Montgomery County, Md., police, fire and public works personnel were placed at fire stations to help clear an expected backlog of 911 calls. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
To stay safe and informed during the storm:

- **Either call** Metro at 202-673-7000 or visit www.wmata.com for the latest on Friday's travel.
- **For downed wires** in D.C., call 202-872-3432, in Montgomery County, call 240-777-2300, and in Virginia, call 1-866-880-4280.
- **Remain indoors** and away from glass doors when heavy winds kick in.

Here it comes: For the latest on Isabel, including its trajectory and the area closings resulting from the hurricane | washingtonpost.com

Firm Wins $100M Mixing Bowl Contract

RICHMOND, VA. | The Commonwealth Transportation Board on Wednesday awarded a $100 million contract for the final phase of the Mixing Bowl renovation project in Springfield to a Richmond-area contracting company.

Archer Western Contractors Ltd. submitted the successful bid for phases 6 and 7 of the long-running project to rebuild the interchange where Interstates 95, 395 and 495 converge.

The contracting firm, based in Sandston, will build interchange bridges, approaches and the drainage, signals and signs. BOB LEWIS (AP)

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Region

Malvo Judge Opens Door for Death Penalty

Ruling is the latest setback for teenage sniper suspect's lawyers

FAIRFAX, VA. | International laws and treaties do not prohibit Virginia from executing juveniles, a judge ruled Wednesday in the case against teenage sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo.

Defense lawyers had argued that an overwhelming consensus of foreign nations and certain international treaties combine to bar the execution of people under 18 at the time of their crime.

Malvo, now 18, was 17 during last year's D.C.-area sniper spree in October.

"The world has spoken. This isn't a close call. This is the world against us," said defense lawyer Craig Cooley on Wednesday.

Prosecutors rejected the argument that international law trumped state or U.S. law. Robert F. Horan Jr. said the only treaty ratified by the United States that prohibits the execution of juveniles contains a specific exclusion adopted by the U.S. Senate rejecting that part of the treaty.

Horan

Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush agreed with prosecutors, saying, "It may at some point be the law of the land. Right now it's not." MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

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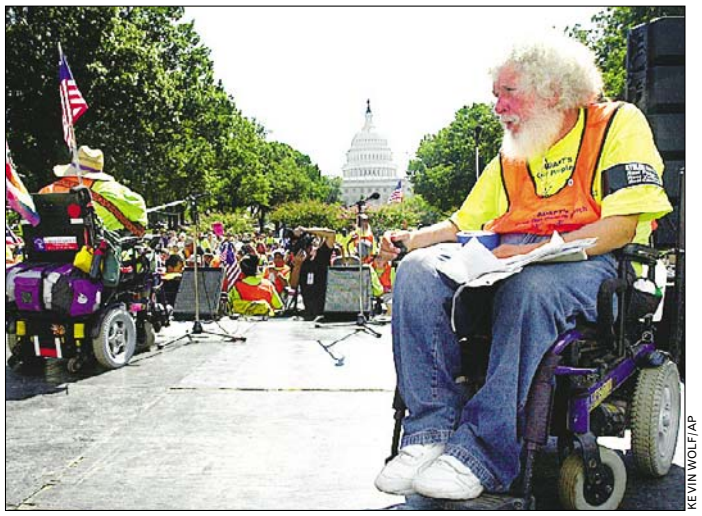

KEVIN WOLF/AP

MAKING A POINT: Bob Kafka , head of the disability group ADAPT, takes part in a rally in Washington Wednesday. He was with a group that traveled from the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia to support the Medicaid Community Attendant Service and Supports Act currently in Congress.

Fenty Released From Hospital After Collapsing

WASHINGTON | District of Columbia Council member Adrian Fenty fell ill at a news conference and was rushed to a hospital Wednesday.

His chief of staff, Stephanie Scott-Melnyk, said Fenty (D-Ward 4) had a fever in the morning before he attended a news conference to unveil a bill he is cosponsoring to ban smoking in District workplaces.

Fenty, 33, was released shortly after 4 p.m. and planned to remain at home through Thursday. He was elected in September 2000, after ousting Charlene Drew Jarvis in the Democratic primary. THERESA DICKIE (AP)

Money

In Brief

TOBACCO

RJR Cuts 40% of Workers

In a massive restructuring designed to retreat from stiff discount-brand competition, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco on Wednesday announced the elimination of 2,600 jobs, about 40 percent of the company's work force. RJR said it will focus future spending on premium brands Camel and Salem, and cut its investment in cheaper Winston and Doral cigarettes. The company plans to trim spending $1 billion by the end of 2005, chairman and chief executive Andrew Schindler said. (AP)

TRAVEL

United Airlines Launching Low-Cost Carrier in Feb.

United Airlines on Wednesday said it will launch a low-cost carrier from its Denver hub in February, flying to destinations in the Southwest and Southeast before expanding service nationwide. The bankrupt airline's goal is to better compete with discount carriers such as Frontier, JetBlue and Southwest, which have grown quickly amid the economic downturn. Tickets will go on sale in November. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: The government has produced $400.5 billion in deficit in the first 11 months of the 2003 budget year — twice the total for the same period a year earlier, the Treasury Department said Wednesday.

NYSE Chairman Grasso Resigns Amid Pay Flap

NEW YORK | New York Stock Exchange Chairman Dick Grasso resigned Wednesday amid rising fury over his $139.5 million pay package.

Grasso called an emergency meeting of the NYSE board shortly after the market closed and offered to resign if the board requested, said H. Carl McCall, chairman of the NYSE compensation committee. "The board did so and accepted that resignation," said McCall, who chaired the meeting.

Grasso, in a statement, said "I believe this course is in the best interest of both the exchange and myself."

Grasso

The board was to reconvene later in the evening to name an interim replacement, as well as a search committee for a permanent successor.

Critics say the lavish pay undermines the credibility of the exchange, which also acts as a regulatory watchdog. AMY BALDWIN (AP)

JUSTICE | FOOD FIGHT

RICFELD/AP

RACIAL CLAIMS: Plaintiffs in Atlanta listen as attorneys discuss a lawsuit against the Waffle House restaurant chain by more than 50 patrons claiming racial discrimination.

Ex-Merrill Execs Charged in Fraud

HOUSTON | Three former Merrill Lynch executives were charged with conspiracy Wednesday for allegedly helping Enron Corp. inflate earnings with a loan disguised as a sale of Nigerian barges.

Daniel Bayly, Robert Furst and James Brown became the first Wall Street bankers to be hit with criminal charges in the scandal that brought down the energy company. They pleaded innocent during a federal court appearance Wednesday and were freed on $100,000 bond each. KRISTEN HAYS (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RJ Reyn	38.86	+4.67	+13.7
TerraNitro	4.70	+.55	+13.3
Altria	44.65	+4.19	+10.4
WDigitl	12.50	+1.02	+8.9
BuckTch	8.80	+.67	+8.2

Losers

JackInBox	19.68	-3.11	-13.6
ThreeFS s	6.60	-.80	-10.8
NavigCons	12.75	-1.10	-7.9
Worthgtn	13.16	-1.04	-7.3
CitizInc	8.38	-.62	-6.9

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
UnivBcp	2.26	+.84	+59.2
Trnsmeta	3.06	+.76	+33.0
JPS Ind	2.50	+.60	+31.6
VisualNet	2.40	+.51	+27.0
NeoRx	4.64	+.96	+26.1

Losers

Norstan	3.29	-.79	-19.4
Replgn	6.66	-1.60	-19.4
StoltOffsh	2.23	-.52	-18.9
KrollInc	21.80	-3.21	-12.8
EndWve	5.68	-.79	-12.2

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-21.69	-4.15	-3.35
-0.23	-0.22	-0.33
9545.65	1883.10	1025.97

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BcoSnCH	8.90	+.02	+26.2
BankOne	38.31	-.46	+4.8
Bk of Am	77.97	+.33	+12.1
Barclay	32.12	-.03	+30.0
CredSuiss	34.33	+.37	+61.3
DeutschBk	64.81	-.51	+42.7
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LloydTSB	28.15	-.49	-1.5
MitsuTkyo	6.05	-.45	+13.1
UBS AG	56.90	+.63	+18.2
US Bancrp	24.15	+.02	+13.8
Wachovia	41.49	-.11	+13.9
WA Mutl	37.80	-.29	+9.5
WellsFrgo	50.61	+.16	+8.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.93	0.93
2-year	1.61	1.63
10-year	4.18	4.27
30-year	5.08	5.16

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6212	.6307	.6502
Canadian Dollar	1.3641	1.3704	1.5807
European Euro	.8854	.8958	1.0301
Japanese Yen	116.15	116.15	122.36
Mexican Peso	10.9160	10.8720	9.9595
Taiwanese Dollar	34.08	34.10	34.78

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Sports

Hamm Is Going Out on Top

Soccer star has life in order as she prepares for fourth World Cup

SOCCER | As she prepares for her fourth and final World Cup, Mia Hamm is happy, healthy and confident again.

"I know I can't do this forever, and I'm going to give it one more go," said the 31-year-old Hamm, whose quest for another World Cup title begins Sunday when the U.S. hosts Sweden at RFK Stadium.

For several years, Hamm looked more likely to fade away rather than go out on top. The goals weren't coming the way they used to. She was no longer the most dangerous scorer in the world.

She had knee surgery. She divorced her husband. Her confidence was splintering.

Asked whether the main reason for her slump was physical, personal or psychological, Hamm answered, "all of the above."

To return to the top, she began rehabbing her knee, relying on "wonderful friends and an amazing family" and improving her playmaking skills. Also, a new romance began with Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra began.

The comeback began 15 months ago, when Hamm needed just seven minutes to score for the WUSA's Washington Freedom in her first game after the surgery. This season, she was the Hamm of old — but more so — with a well-rounded game that was the perfect complement for teammate Abby Wambach. Together, they led the team to the league title.

Her personal life has rebounded. She plans to marry Garciaparra later this year. The self-doubt has faded. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

DAN LOPEZ/THE DAILY PROGRESS/AP

Mia Hamm practices with the U.S. women's World Cup team Wednesday at the University of Virginia. The squad plays Sweden at RFK Stadium on Sunday.

Plan Would Make Caffeine Legal For Olympians

OLYMPICS | Drinking too much coffee or taking a common cold tablet will no longer get athletes disqualified from the Olympics.

A positive test for marijuana, though, will still result in a drug penalty. So will the medication at the center of American sprinter Kelli White's doping scandal.

That's the scenario under the proposed new global list of banned substances drawn up by the World Anti-Doping Agency, The Associated Press has learned.

Among the key recommendations: caffeine and pseudoephedrine, an ingredient of the cold remedy Sudafed, will be removed from the banned category. Marijuana will remain on the list.

Modafinil, which could cost White her two world championship gold medals, is specifically named for the first time among the banned stimulants.

If ratified, it will go into effect Jan. 1 and apply to all sports and all countries covered by WADA's global anti-doping code. STEPHEN WILSON (AP)

In Brief

PRO BASEBALL

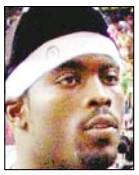
Orioles Move Up Game Time To Defeat Isabel, Yankees

Hurricane Isabel prompted the Baltimore Orioles to change Thursday's game against the New York Yankees from 7:05 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. to avoid the worst of the storm. Fans unable to attend because of the time change can exchange tickets for one of the last three home games against Toronto this weekend or for any home game in April, 2004, except opening day. Officials will wait to see how the storm progresses before making any changes to Friday's game against the Blue Jays, said Orioles spokesman Kevin Behan. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

QB Vick Still on Crutches

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick had hoped to be walking without crutches last week. He's still waiting. Atlanta Falcons orthopedist Andrew Bishop has told Vick, the team's star quarterback, that X-rays show a nearly healed fracture in his lower right leg. Vick broke his fibula in a preseason game Aug. 16. Vick is uncertain when he might be able to return to practice. (AP)



Vick

PRO FOOTBALL

Miami Gets 8th Super Bowl

The 2007 Super Bowl was awarded to Miami on Wednesday by NFL owners. Miami has hosted the Super Bowl eight times, fewer than only New Orleans. The site of the 2008 Super Bowl will be decided on Oct. 29-30. (AP)

Giant game: Mark Maske previews the Redskins-Giants game at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Hokies Look to Thwart Aggies' Revenge Hopes

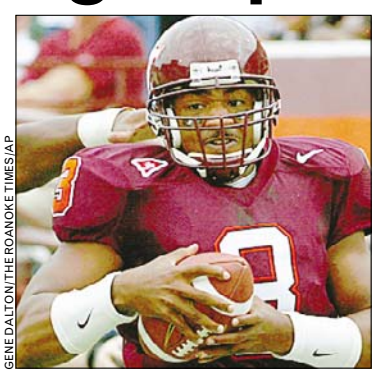
Virginia Tech beat Texas A&M last year

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Virginia Tech gained considerable attention early last season by winning at Texas A&M and becoming the first nonconference opponent to leave Kyle Field with a victory since 1988.

That game, though, was between two schools with very little history against each other. It will be a different scenario Thursday night.

The No. 8 Hokies (2-0) haven't lost a game before October since 1996, a span of 26 consecutive victories. This season, they've opened with wins against Central Florida and James Madison.

The Aggies (2-0) haven't won a road game against a top 10 team since 1979. Texas A&M is eager to play the Hokies, especially after last year's 6-6 season. The Aggies could use a road win against a top team. HANK KURZ JR. (AP)



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Virginia Tech quarterback Bryan Randall runs for a touchdown Sept. 6.

Heisman hopeful: Ken Denliger reports that Virginia Tech RB Kevin Jones needs a big game to stay in the running for the Heisman Trophy. | Today's Post, Sports

Court Site Posted Kobe Accuser's Name

DENVER | The name of Kobe Bryant's accuser was mistakenly posted on a state court Web site Tuesday as part of a legal filing in the case. A subpoena showing the 19-year-old woman's name and address was up for about an hour before court staffers reposted it with her personal information blacked out.

State courts spokeswoman Karen Salaz said it was unclear how the error was made, but said court staffers are responsible for blacking out such information in public filings.

The alleged victim's identity has been previously disclosed on various Internet sites and on a radio talk show heard in 60 cities.

Bryant is charged with raping the woman June 30 in his suite at a mountain resort. He is scheduled to appear for an Oct. 9 preliminary hearing at which a judge will decide whether he will stand trial. JON SARCHE (AP)

HEARSAY | FOOTBALL

"There's two hurricanes coming. The football team is the one that concerns me."

—BOSTON COLLEGE COACH TOM O'BRIEN WHOSE EAGLES TAKE ON THE NO. 2 MIAMI HURRICANES SATURDAY NIGHT IN BOSTON. MIAMI HAS BEATEN BC 13 STRAIGHT TIMES.

Today's TV Lineup

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 p.m. on ESPN) No. 8 Virginia Tech tries to stay undefeated when hosting Texas A&M in a rematch of a game played last year in Texas.

BASEBALL (12:30 p.m. on Comcast) Mike Mussina pitches in front of his old home fans when the New York Yankees visit the Baltimore Orioles, who will counter with Pat Hentgen pitching.

SOCCER (7:30 p.m. on ESPN2) The second-place Colorado Rapids visit the New England Revolution, who are in last place in the MLS East.

GOLF (4 p.m. on ESPN) Dan Foreman is the defending champion of the 84 Lumber Classic of Pennsylvania in Farmington, Pa.

WeekendPass

SUZANNE TENNER/AP

THEY'RE NO MONKEES: Harry Shearer, Michael McKean and Christopher Guest as The Folksmen on film, meticulously manufactured for maximum authenticity.

Real Folk, Real Faux

The players of 'A Mighty Wind' blow into town

MUSIC | First appearing on "Saturday Night Live" in 1984, The Folksmen, a thinly veiled spoof of the Kingston Trio, survived for nearly 20 years as an afterthought rattling around the brains of comic geniuses Christopher Guest, Harry Shearer and Michael McKean.

During tours lampooning geriatric metal groups as the legendary parody band Spinal Tap, Guest, Shearer and McKean indulged their folk leanings and transformed themselves into The Folksmen as an opening act for the hard-rocking Tap. As expected, their folkie alter-egos were heckled off the stage by eager (and clueless) Tap fans.

After two decades, Guest and his crew shook off the criticism and finally found substantive time for the Folksmen. The result was this year's funniest movie: "A Mighty Wind."

The film used a largely improvised script to tell the story of a recent reunion show by 1960s folk groups like Mitch and Mickey (Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara) and The New Main Street Singers (a "neuftet" including John Michael Higgins and Parker Posey).

The task facing Guest and the cast of "A Mighty Wind" was truly daunting. Not only did the group craft wonderfully intricate characters with wildly hilarious histories, but they actually mastered instruments and competently wrote and performed fairly complex folk parodies.

Just as they took Spinal Tap on the road following the success of the 1984 film, Guest and most of the extended cast of "A Mighty Wind" will perform at the 9:30 Club. Sunday's two shows are sold out, but a third show has been added.

If you're a fan of "A Mighty Wind," you won't want to miss this rare chance to see Guest and his crew perform in the flesh.

Uneducated concert-goers, however, will probably end up like the fans who first encountered The Folksmen when waiting for Spinal Tap: confused and pissed off. PETER DENTON

9:30 Club; 815 V St. NW; Mon., Sept. 22, 10 p.m., $40; 202-393-0930.

HEADS UP: Both "Camelot at Dawn," photos of the Kennedys in Georgetown, and "Walter Inglis Anderson" debut at the Arts and Industries Building on Fri., Sept. 19. 900 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-357-2700.

Top Stops

FOR COMPLETE EVENT LISTINGS SEE WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT

See You Round: Archives Steps Out

The National Archives has been busy spiffing itself up so long we've forgotten what the place has — oh, yeah, the Charters of Freedom display. The building's impressive rotunda has been revamped beautifully and it's well worth stopping in this grand old pile, one of Washington's lesser-visited spots, for a peek at the paint job. It should be extra-special after dark; extended hours tonight kick off the grand unveiling — weather permitting.

700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 10 a.m.-midnight; 202-713-6800.

Haute Jazz: Wynton Marsalis Conducts

Trumpeter and conductor Wynton Marsalis leads the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra in a night of American jazz and new music. The L.C. Jazz Orchestra is a New York favorite for its robust and engaging treatment of the best of this country's standards and contemporary compositions, and Marsalis, of course, is a bit of a legend himself.

Kennedy Center; 2700 F St. NW; Sun., Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m., $25-$75; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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Marsalis and the sharp-dressed men of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

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➔ THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

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BROOKSIDE GARDENS; 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton; 10 a.m., $11; 301-962-1400.

The Best of Australian Wines

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART; 500 17th St., NW; 7-8:30 p.m., $40; 703-685-7970.

➔ FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Autumnal Equinox Celebration

EQUINOX RESTAURANT; 818 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., $90; 202-331-8118.

➔ SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

The Minimalist and the World-Class Chef Face Off

MICHEL RICHARD CITRONELLE, Latham Hotel; 3000 M St. NW; 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., $123 includes demonstrations and lunch, $98 Smithsonian Associates members; 202-357-3030.

➔ SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

The Maryland Wine Festival

CARROLL COUNTY FARM MUSEUM; 500 S. Center St., Westminster; Sat., Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 21, noon-6 p.m., $20; 800-654-4645.

➔ SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

"Sips and Tastes" Virginia Wine Tasting

EQUINOX RESTAURANT; 818 Connecticut Ave. NW; 1-4 p.m., $40; $30 women Chefs and Restaurauter members; 202-331-8118.

Great Harvest Music Fest

TARARA WINERY (13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg; 3-6 p.m., $10; 703-771-7100.

D.C. Dining Society's Banquet and Wine Class

SEA CATCH RESTAURANT; 1054 31st St. NW; 1 p.m., $58.50 in advance, $65 at the door; 202-265-0477.

Reds, Whites, & Bluegrass Wine Tasting

BOORDY VINEYARDS; 12820 Long Green Pike, Hydes; $8; 410-592-5015.

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GRAPE EXPECTATIONS: Fans of wine, food and good times are in for an abundant harvest this season.

PATRIOTIC SPIRIT | HISTORY ON PARADE

COURTESY OF THE MILITARY DISTRICT

GRAND OLD FLAG: The U.S. Army Military District of Washington presents "Spirit of America," a musical spectacular about the Army which, eerily, has been found to have participated in numerous important events throughout our history. MCI Center; 601 F St. NW; Thu., Sept 18-Sun., Sept. 21, free; 866-239-9425. (MCI Center)

White House Opens Doors

OUT & ABOUT | The People's House is once again open to the people. The White House has resumed tours of the historic mansion, but not just anyone with a fanny pack and a digital camera can stroll in.

Visitors must make reservations through their members of Congress, or in the case of D.C. locals, through the office of Eleanor Holmes Norton, well in advance of the anticipated visit.

Times have changed since the public was allowed to throng the building, but the White House's attractions remain as compelling as ever.

A tour takes visitors through the stately White House library, a rainbow of rooms — Blue, Green, Red — and the magnificent State Dining Room.

An extended look at the Lincoln Bedroom will cost extra, to say the least. (EXPRESS)

White House; 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-noon, free; 202-208-1631. (McPherson Square)

TopStops

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This Place Is a Zoo: Hispanic Heritage Gala

The National Zoo hosts a Hispanic Heritage Month event for families with music, dance performances, arts and crafts, face painting and a Latin American food court. There will be animal demonstrations and educational game booths throughout the zoo.

National Zoo; 3001 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sun., Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., free; 202-673-4717. (Woodley Park-Zoo; Cleveland Park)

No piano is big enough for Erin McKeown's talent, especially this one.

Grand, Baby: Erin McKeown at Iota

Erin McKeown calls her latest album, "Grand," "a little cocktail party." It swings like a sophisticate; it gets silly, then intimate; it's full of incisively witty remarks and warmly congenial moments. It's a bit intoxicating, like the deceptively perky 25-year-old singer-songwriter herself.

Iota; 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Thu., Sept. 18, 9 p.m., $12; 703-522-8340.

Duct!: Plastic Arts

Terror-alert art has its first exhibition when artists demonstrate body painting and fashion under the suggestive title, "Creative Uses for Duct Tape and Plastic." It beats using the duct tape on the windows and the plastic to ... what were we supposed to do with the plastic?

Touchstone Gallery; 406 7th St. NW; Sat., Sept. 20, noon-8 p.m., free; 202-347-2787. (MCI Center)

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MUSIC | While Johnny Cash is no longer with us, at least we still have his Bastard Sons.

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Don't be fooled, Bastard Sons are a real country-western band carving their own path outside the bleak Nashville vacuum. Unlike their commercial brethren, the Bastard Sons can rock with the best of them, then tell blue-collar stories that resonate with authenticity.

Be prepared to shed a tear in that beer. PETER DENTON

Iota; 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340. (Courthouse)

CHEAP DATE: Fabian Burgfeld's "Shaky Ground" — video sculptures, photographs and ground works — are on display at Goethe Institut; 14 Seventh St. NW; free;. Through Oct. 31.

The Sorrows of Kermit: Film Classic at AFI

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AFI Silver Theatre; 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; $8.50 general admission, $7.50 students and seniors; 301-495-6720. (Silver Spring)

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Madigan has been on "The Tonight Show" 12 times, on Comedy Central and HBO, and been named "Best Female Club Comic."

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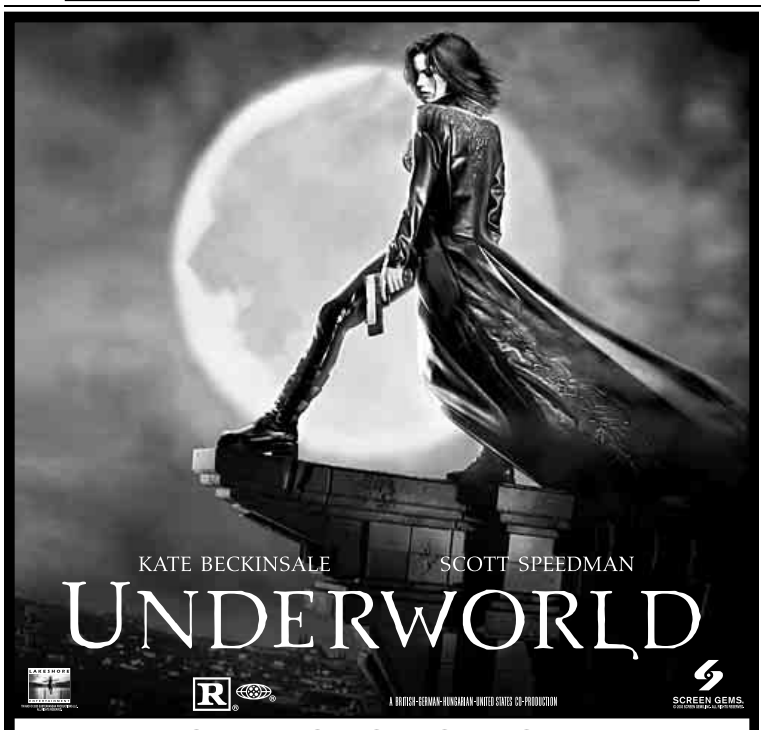

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Kicking Up Their Heels

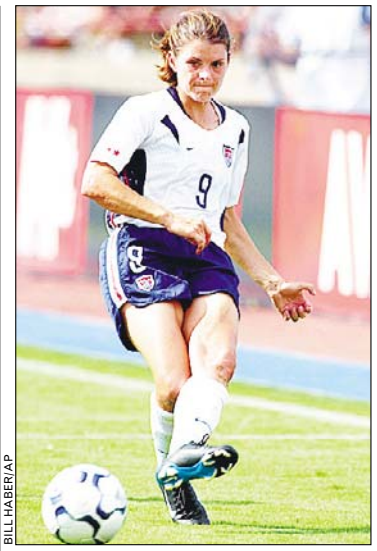
Now the women of U.S.A. soccer have something to prove

OUT & ABOUT | Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, especially a woman named Mia Hamm — though her Swedish opponents have surely learned better than to scorn Hamm and her teammates.

Hamm is, like, a total goddess to America's young female soccer fanatics, and she is being counted on to lead first-ranked U.S.A. to victory in the FIFA 2003 Women's World Cup, which comes to town on Sunday at RFK Stadium. It's a doubleheader with the U.S.A. taking on Sweden, and Brazil facing South Korea.

The U.S. is known as a team that likes fireworks on offense, which means a quick, aggressive game. But Hanna Ljungberg will be playing the goddess role for fifth-ranked Sweden, which means a tough first round for the home team.

What is less certain than an explosive game is the future of the 56 tournament players who play for the WUSA soccer league, which announced its plan to disband on Monday. Hamm, along with teammates and fellow stars Julie Foudy and Brandi Chastain, is among those who may be jobless.



BILL HABER/AP

Mia Hamm during last Sunday's "friendly" match against Brazil.

Nevertheless, expect maximum butt-kicking as America's women go for their third World Cup. Just don't expect Chastain to repeat her famous bra-revealing flourish from 1999. FIFA put the kibbosh on post-goal clothing removal. But then, what can they do — fire her?

BOB MASSEY

RFK Stadium; 2400 East Capitol St. SE; Sun., Sept. 21, 12:30 and 3:15 p.m. For schedule call 202-432-7328 or 800-551-7328.

MONSTER MOVIE | DEMONLOVER

PALM PICTURES

REALITY AS VIDEO GAME: An interactive torture Web site, a multinational business deal, a starring role for Chloe Sevigny and a soundtrack by Sonic Youth are the significant features of Oliver Assayas's film, "Demonlover." Visions Cinema; 1927 Florida Ave. NW; opens Fri., Sept. 19; 202-667-0090.

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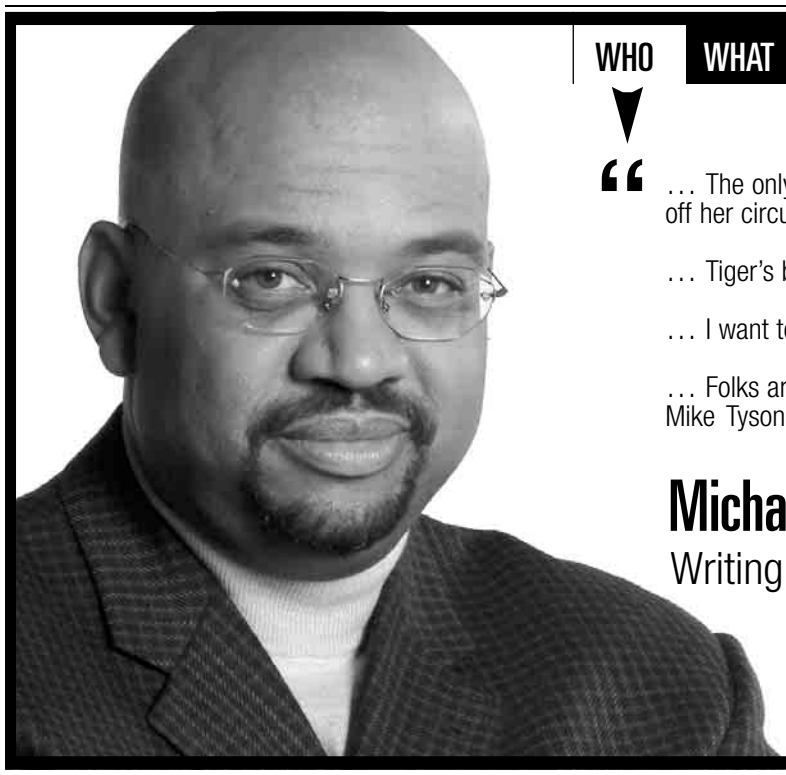

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"... The only thing that could slow Serena would be that cat suit cutting off her circulation ...

... Tiger's better than Nicklaus ...

... I want to be like Darrell Green when I grow up ...

... Folks aren't going to fork over $2,500 for ringside seats to see Mike Tyson anymore; you pay that to see legends, not has-beens ..."

Michael Wilbon | Sports Columnist
Writing what you were thinking.

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TopStops

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Culture Clash: Photos on the Edge

The Ralls Collection's "Cultures on the Edge" show, an exhibition of photographs that depict indigenous people hewing to centuries-old tradition despite encroaching development, has attracted plenty of attention. You be the judge; the show closes after Saturday.

Ralls Collection; 1516 31st St. NW; Thu.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

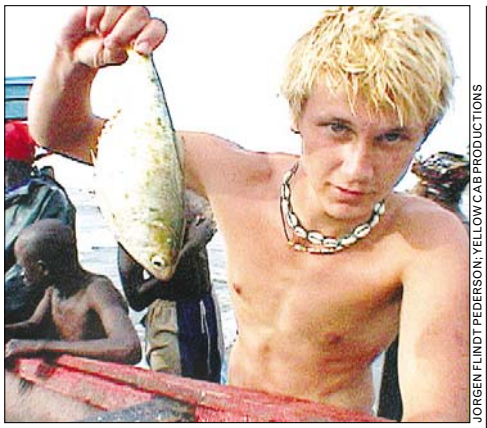
Wheelie Fun: Bike for Bikes

The "Giant Food BikeDC 2003" ride is upon us, a sorta-kinda charity event in which dedicated pedalers hit the road to benefit ... the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

Meet at 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW; Sat., Sept. 20, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., $35-100, $15 students; 202-628-2500. Call for weather updates.

GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

Riders can freely wheel down the wrong lane on car-free BikeDC day.



JORGEN FLINDT PEDERSON; YELLOW CAB PRODUCTIONS

INDEPENDENTS DAY: At left, a still from Jorgen Flindt Pederson's "The Occupied"; above, a Maryland college student in "Tubabs in Africa."

Hollywood & M

Georgetown plays host to a world of independent films

OUT & ABOUT | The bad news is that Traci Lords, known for her roles in "Blade," "Serial Mom" and, um, some other movies, cancelled for opening-night festivities. The good news is that this year marks the third annual Georgetown Indy Film Fest, held Thursday through Sunday in Blues Alley.

It's a big spicy gumbo of more than 70 shorts and features from around the world. Since indie films don't enjoy massive Hollywood-style publicity blitzes, the films are grouped into thematic blocks for viewers' benefit. One $5 ticket gains entry to an entire block of films.

Thursday night's opening night party ($25 for reception and films; $10 just films) kicks off at Canal Square (inclement weather: Sea Catch restaurant ballroom, 1054 31st St. NW) and features a film block called "No Man's Land," in which Israelis and Palestinians come to some unusual understandings.

Other highlights include "Little Erin Merriweather," a no-budget horror spoof about a child abuse victim turned serial killer; "Farang Ba (Crazy White Foreigner)," the story of an American attorney in Bangkok who takes on young amateur boxers; and "Beatbox Philly," a rhythmic animated travelogue through Philadelphia neighborhoods.

The festival's programmers have culled these and other favorites from hundreds of submissions, as well as the Venice Film Festival.

According to founder Eric Sommer, the actual lineup remains intentionally fluid as last-minute submissions trickle in. If something extraordinary shows up, they just thread the reels and hit play. How refreshingly un-Hollywood. BOB MASSEY

Tickets available at Movie Madness, 1083 Thomas Jefferson St., 202-337-7064; a complete schedule is available at www.georgetownfilmfest.com.

PAUL MACCARTNEY

Q&A

Thursday, Sept. 18, A&E Network airs **PAUL MCCARTNEY IN RED SQUARE**, a concert film of McCartney's visit to Russia last May. Newsweek's Jonathan Alter spoke with McCartney. For a complete transcript, please see www.newsweek.msnbc.org.

Did you know during the 1960s that you had this great appeal in Russia?

We heard about it. When we heard that it was blue jeans and the Beatles that they smuggled in, we loved that .... It was strong, liberating music that we delighted in, and they got that.

In the film, some of the Russians put you in the canon, comparing you to Tchaikovsky.

That's a bit scary. I'm very proud of my achievements but I don't think of myself like that. I'm still this guy who does all these ordinary things. Stella [his daughter] had never seen much television when she was a little kid and we were living in Scotland and she was watching and turned to me and said, "Daddy, are you Paul McCartney?"

What do you think of Bush?

There's a certain disenchantment from what I see, particularly with young people. But he did a good job post-9/11. I was there [in the United States]. I can remember the week after, some American saying, "And we've got this bananahead as president." And I said, "Stop right there. You've got a president. Right now, don't do that, don't go there. He's on our side. We love him. He's going to lead us."

What do you think of hip-hop?

Some of it I like and some of it I don't. I like Eminem and found [his film] "8 Mile" quite interesting. [Overall], like any parent, I'm not keen on the "slapping bitches" aspect of it. But my kids tell me it's just swearing. Parents never get it ... my father's father once called Sinatra's music "tin can" music.

Is there anyone you haven't teamed up with yet that you would like to?

I can't think of anyone. Nelson Mandela, maybe? JONATHAN ALTER (NEWSWEEK.COM)

ON TV TONIGHT

BIG 'THREAT' ... OF BOREDOM

THREAT MATRIX (8 p.m., ABC) The Department of Homeland Security gets a TV series to call its own. The new espionage series, "Threat Matrix," follows an elite task force that investigates terror threats at the behest of the president.

"Matrix" begins with a swarm of bees entering the control room of a missile silo. A masked team of "exterminators" arrives, but they're not there to kill the buzzing critters. The faux bug zappers steal a nuclear warhead and deliver it straight to Washington, D.C.

Luckily for the good guys, they're just part of the Threat Matrix team working for the president and Homeland Security secretary Tom Ridge (mentioned here for a touch of verisimilitude). The incident was merely an elaborate ruse to test the military's lack of security. Even the bees were harmless, stingerless drones.

The drones set the tone for "Threat Matrix," a drama that is rather long on action, editing tricks and gadgetry, but short on story and characters we might care about.

It could use a queen bee or two to liven things up.

CRAIG SJODIN/2003, ABC INC.

Kelly Rutherford (left) does Tom Ridge's dirty work in "Threat Matrix."

ARRR, WE'RE LOSTED

SURVIVOR (8 p.m., CBS) It's the year of the pirate.

First Johnny Depp and "Pirates of the Caribbean" became the summer's surprise hit. Now the original realty series, "Survivor," follows 16 stranded castaways on the Pearl Islands, a legendary hideaway for sea-faring scalawags and others of the eye-patch, peg-leg and puffy-shirt set.

As we've all heard in a million commercials, the "Survivor" participants will be forced to walk the plank and swim ashore wearing only the clothes on their backs.

CBS is threatening more difficult physical challenges and more mindless cheesecake (of the "I'll strip for peanut butter" variety). Help yourself. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Friday in

The Washington Post | *Weekend Section*

The Doc Is In

Fritz Hahn talks with bandleader Doc Scantlin about the weekly night of retro swank he hosts for modern night owls. | *Nightwatch*

Collage Classes

Michael O'Sullivan finds the National Gallery's much-anticipated Romare Bearden retrospective as original, eclectic and personal as promised. | *On Exhibit*

A Teen Sport

Participation on a select middle- or high-school basketball team is full of heartbreak, triumph and surprise — just like life in the pros, or like life. | *Cover Story*

Playback

Crossword Puzzle | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*

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10 Meet head-on
14 Invisible emanation
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18 Makes every moment count
19 Aching desires
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23 Big gigs
24 Long-snouted fish
25 "___ you pulling my leg?"
26 As a group
30 Quote from the boss, continued
35 End zone marker
36 Cleopatra's bane
37 What's happening
39 Tailgunner's position
40 Kerplunks
43 Quote from the boss, continued
46 Handel bars?
48 ___ de Triomphe
49 Goose the gas
50 From dusk to dawn
55 End of a quote from the boss
58 Tsk-tsk
59 1836 siege site
60 Oscar role for Julia
61 Audition tape
62 Mortise mate
63 Sammy of the Cubs
64 Hamilton's last act
65 Clear the board
66 Grounded commercial fleet

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1 Kind of instinct
2 Go one better
3 Whip into shape
4 Rail inspector's vehicle, perhaps
5 Do an injustice to
6 Pindaric practitioner
7 Exploding stars
8 Parker of "South Park"
9 Pulver's rank
10 "King Kong" star
11 Length times width result
12 Sends packing
13 Ernie of the PGA
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22 Pack down
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27 Deli side
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31 Capital west of Stockholm
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50 Capital of Guam
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56 Like some excuses
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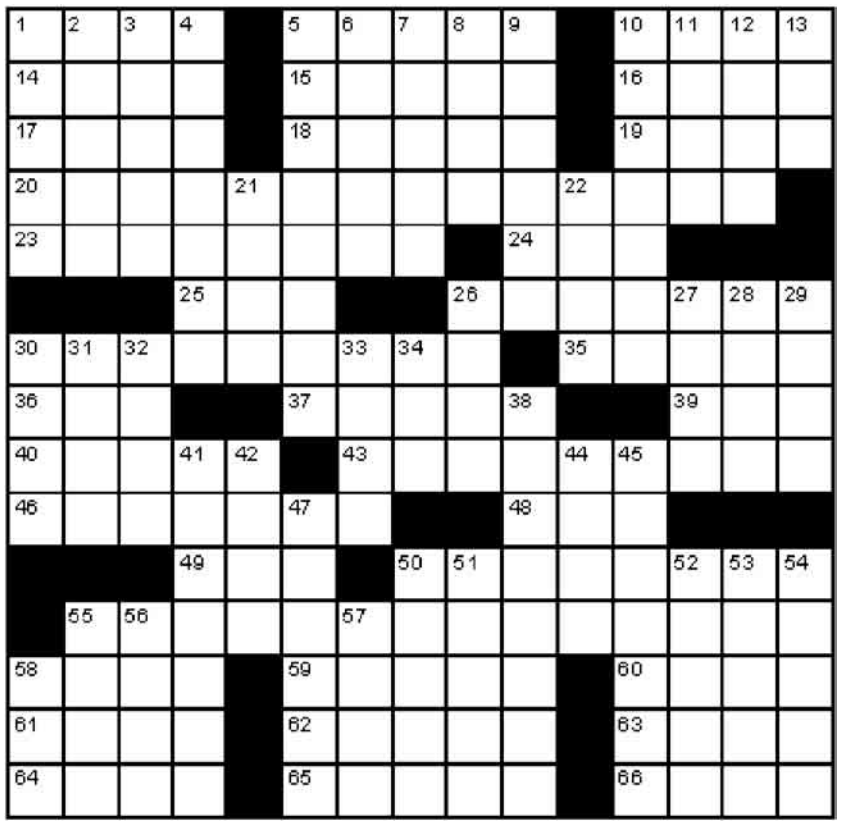


Letters

TO THE EDITOR

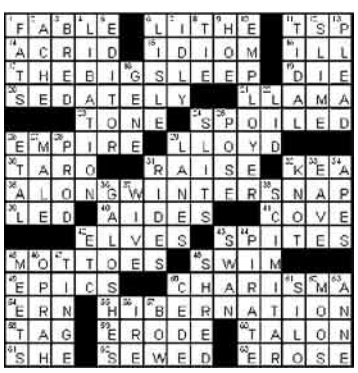
I WANTED TO RESPOND to the Aug. 16 letter regarding "The Duplex." Though I personally don't find humor in the comic strip, I realize that everyone has different tastes.

But most important, I realize this is a free paper. If the writer wants a funny, or funnier, comic strip(s), he should probably invest in a subscription to The Washington Post.

—TARYN MCLAUGHLIN
Washington, D.C.

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Yesterday's Solutions



Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unusually volatile throughout the day, steer clear of anyone who tries to push your buttons.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You're in the mood to be in charge. It's time to decide on a project and a course of action that can satisfy your bossy instinct.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may be restless, but you'll have the energy to get things done. Take pains to control it.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Opposites attract. What happens after that can be spectacular, and not at all desirable. Take care you're mixing with the right people.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're feeling generous, open and free-spirited at this time. Do something that allows you to explore your creativity.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Be more tolerant of those who pursue interests different from your own. Don't judge anyone right now.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Keep your opinions to yourself until you're asked for them. Later, you'll have a chance to speak your mind.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Someone may be trying to squelch your creativity and your passion. Don't let it happen. Assert yourself.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You can turn chaos into order. Those around you will certainly appreciate your efforts. Home affairs may not be so organized.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You don't have to be cautious. The margin for error at this time is wider than you think.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Err on the side of caution, at least during the first part of the day.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're not being levelheaded, but the consequences shouldn't be serious. Indeed, whimsical evening activity can pay off.

COMICS, ETC.

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

"Bloom County" cartoonist **BERKELEY BREATHED** crashed Washington Post columnist **GENE WEINGARTEN**'s Live Online discussion Tuesday.

BREATHED: Hi, Gene. Did you know I live in Montecito, Calif., just up the hill from the estate where JLo and Ben were gonna get hitched? Anyway, the secret I wanted to share with you is that Opus broke the two up. Ben kept finding him hiding in the seat of her stretch pants. Explains many things, doesn't it? Anyone have any questions?

WEINGARTEN: Why is it, during cartoons, the color of an object that is about to be animated (i.e. a cabinet door) is slightly different than a similar object that is remaining stationary? I used to think it was only in old-school cartoons such as "The Flintstones," but I've seen it on newer shows such as "The Simpsons."

BREATHED: Because it's handpainted hundreds of times and had nothing to do with the background painting ... that might have been watercolored once by an entirely different monkey.

WEINGARTEN: Shouldn't we now conclude that this Lo Affleckction was a complete sham designed to draw fans to their wretched, Gigless film; and once it was pulled from theaters there remained no reason to keep the charade going?

BREATHED: Naw, the JLo-Ben disaster was for real. I had a meeting with Bob Weinstein of Miramax set last Monday, then cancelled, rescheduled, then cancelled, then rescheduled again. All because these two nutcases couldn't decide to get married and they kept calling Hollywood to come, don't come, come. Meanwhile, 200 helicopters were circling over our house looking for the party. My 4-year-old daughter took off her clothes and waved, apparently understanding what community she lived in.

Today on Live Online:
11 a.m.: Host Kim O'Donnel talks about local farms and ingredients with Fran McManus and Wendy Rickard, editors of the new "Cooking Fresh from the Mid-Atlantic."

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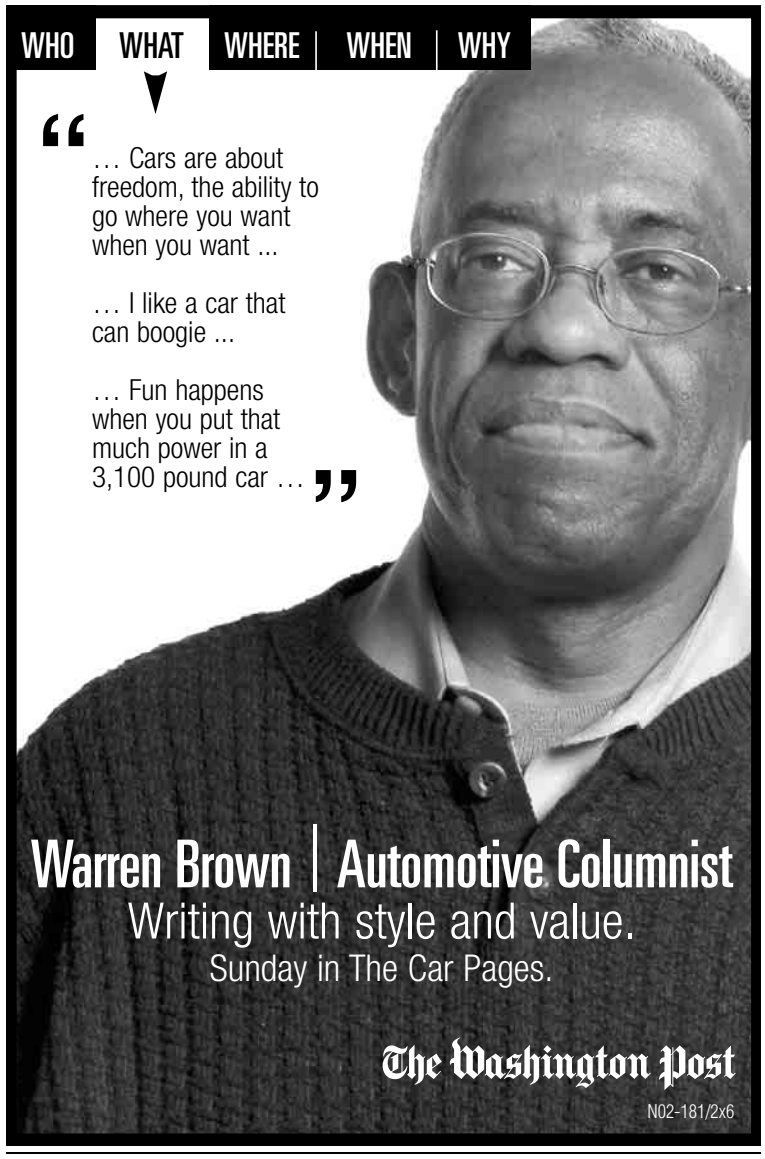

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Show Goes On

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POLITICS

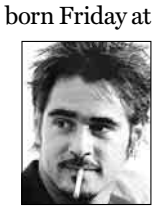
Oprah's Pro-War Bias?

Sweden's Broadcasting Commission said Wednesday it was censuring an **OPRAH WINFREY** episode for showing bias in supporting the U.S. military's attack on Iraq, Reuters reported. The network that aired the show, which is popular in Sweden, must publicize the decision, but won't be penalized, reports said. The Swedish government, which strongly opposed the U.S. invasion of Iraq, disputed references to Saddam Hussein as an outright threat to America. There was no comment from Winfrey's representatives. (EXPRESS)

CELEBRITY

Dublin Dad, Model Mom

Actor **COLIN FARRELL** and model Kim Bordenave are the parents of a baby boy, Farrell's spokeswoman said. The infant was born Friday at a Los Angeles hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, she said Tuesday. Farrell wasn't there for his son's arrival because he was in Morocco shooting "Alexander," the Oliver Stone film in which he stars as Alexander the Great. Their son won't be named until Farrell can return from filming. (AP)



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A Shady Sample

A 70-year-old California woman is suing **EMINEM** and Dr. Dre over the unauthorized sampling of a musical piece created by the woman's late husband, The Smoking Gun reports. In a federal court lawsuit, Harlene Stein alleges Eminem used part of her husband's "Pigs Go Home" instrumental on "Guilty Conscience," a track from the rapper's 1999 debut "The Slim Shady LP." The "Pigs" piece was from the score for the 1970 flick "Getting Straight." Although the liner notes mention the piece, they don't name the composer, nor did the rap impresario pay to use the copyrighted material. (EXPRESS)

POLITICS

Smoke 'Em if Ya Got 'Em

Ireland should not follow New York's lead and ban smoking in all workplaces, **RUDOLPH GIULIANI** said Wednesday. The former New York mayor said the recent decision of his successor, Michael Bloomberg, to prohibit smoking in restaurants and bars wasn't fair to smokers. Ireland has pledged to follow suit in January — a divisive move in a country where pubs remain the hub of communities, and 30 percent of people smoke. Giuliani has said he likes to smoke the occasional cigar. (AP)

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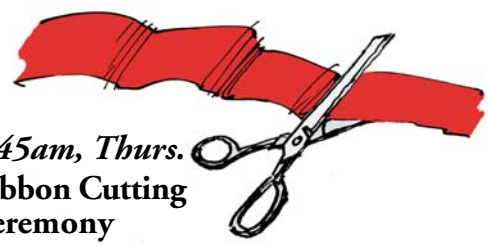

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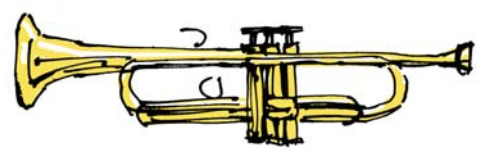

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